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(C) Poloff delivered reftel points to MFA NATO officer PierMario D'Acco February 15. D'Acco said Italy shared USG concerns regarding the threat of a Greek veto, and had already sent demarche requests to the Italian embassies in Athens and Skopje instructing their embassies to encourage Greek and Macedonian governments to engage with each other and with UNSYG Special Representative Nimetz to find a negotiated solution prior to the upcoming Bucharest Summit. D'Acco stressed Italy's support for Macedonian, Croatian and Albanian accession to the Alliance.

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